



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
June 12, 2023***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither, Sr., Councilman William Stang, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Garold Miller, Police Administrative Assistant Loretta Lynch, Administrative Assistant Crystal Gregor and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the May 8, 2023, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Councilman William Stang Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither, Sr., – Yes, Councilman William Stang – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdam – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Garold Miller – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Administrative Assistant Loretta Lynch.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Councilman Donald Trice. Preliminary plans for an upscale townhouse development were approved to move forward with the next stage of their planning. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Water report - Reports submitted by Public Works Supervisor Frank O'Day and read by Councilwoman Nancy McAdam.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Councilman William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

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❖ New Business:

- Swear in newly elected Council seats – Mayor Robert Atkinson, Councilman William Stang and Councilman Garold Miller.
- Nomination for Vice-Mayor (roll call vote) Mayor Robert Atkinson made a motion to appoint Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. for Vice-Mayor; Seconded by Councilman William Stang. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither, Sr., – Yes, Councilman William Stang – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdam – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Garold Miller – Yes. Carried
- Appoint Town Solicitor: Motion to accept Craig Eliassen as Town Solicitor made by Mayor Robert Atkinson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Councilman William Stang – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Garold Miller – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Abstain. Carried
- Appoint Town Appraiser: Motion to accept Weaver Appraisals for Town Appraiser made by Mayor Robert Atkinson, seconded by Councilman William Stang. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither Sr. – Yes, Councilman William Stang – Yes Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Garold Miller – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried.
- Water Quality Report (CCR) – As of June 12, 2023, the 2022 Water Quality Report for the Town of Blades has been completed and distributed. The report is posted in Town Hall, on the Town website at <https://blades.delaware.gov/files/2023/06/BLADES-2022-CCR-REPORT-FINAL.pdf> and available in hard copy at the June 12th council meeting.
- First Reading Ordinance 437 - Cross Connection Control Ordinance – Read by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams

❖ Old Business:

- Third Reading Ordinance 436 – Assessments in Addition to Fines Imposed by Courts – read by Councilman Donald Trice. - Motion to approve Ordinance 436 – Assessments in Addition to Fines Imposed by Courts made by Councilman Donald Trice, seconded by Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither Sr. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither Sr., – Yes, Councilman William Stang – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdam – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Garold Miller – Yes. Carried



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❖ Good of the Community

Councilman Donald Trice asked the community to be patient with the Police Department when having to call 9-1-1

Citizens expressed concerns about a few issues in the park. Some had been addressed earlier in the meeting, i.e. trees that need to be cut down (scheduled) pickleball court (in progress), sliding board (repaired last summer). Sandburs in the grassy area – will look into. The need for more playground equipment – equipment has been added through ORPT grants as well as picnic tables. The need for handicapped equipment. Handicapped picnic tables have been added through the 2022 ORPT grant.

Citizen inquired about election results notification. – The morning of Tuesday, June 6, 2023, notifications were sent to several TV stations, newspapers, as well as posted in the Town Hall lobby and on the town website.

Vice-Mayor Pierre Gaither, Sr. motioned to adjourn the June 12, 2023, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilman William Stang.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Marks
Town Administrator